



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 73

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM STRICT LIABILITY FOR POLICE DOGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-357 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

3 If any dog does [any] damage to either the body or property of any
4 person, the owner or keeper, or, if the owner or keeper is a minor, the
5 parent or guardian of such minor, shall be liable for such damage,
6 except when such damage has been occasioned to the body or property
7 of a person who, at the time such damage was sustained, was
8 committing a trespass or other tort, or was teasing, tormenting or
9 abusing such dog. If a minor, on whose behalf an action under this
10 section is brought, was under seven years of age at the time the
11 damage was done, it shall be presumed that such minor was not
12 committing a trespass or other tort, or teasing, tormenting or abusing
13 such dog, and the burden of proof thereof shall be upon the defendant
14 in such action. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any
15 trained and certified police or Department of Correction dog owned by
16 an agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions when in the
17 performance of its official duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	22-357
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